

A GUIDE TO IOWA STATE PARKS

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

AN ADVENTURE IS WAITING

Experience Iowa's natural beauty and all the fun our state parks offer as you make memories with family and friends. With an array of activities for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages, there's something for everyone whether you're visiting for an afternoon or a week.

Grab a camera, a loved one or two, a sense of adventure and come explore. Hike to a breathtaking overlook, canoe along a peaceful river, fish for trout, learn about native species, roast marshmallows over the campfire and more at one of Iowa's 72 state parks.

To extend the fun for a few days, reserve a campsite or cabin that fits your camping style.

Like roughing it? Stay in a non-electric campground.

Can't do without running water? Enjoy a weekend at a modern campground.

Not fond of sleeping outside? Reserve a cabin or yurt.

Can't live without air conditioning? Try a modern family cabin outfitted with the comforts and conveniences of home.

PLAN YOUR ADVENTURE TODAY!

Make a reservation at iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com

- View photos of campsites, cabins, lodges and shelters
 - See park descriptions and list of amenities
 - Check out the calendar for available dates
- ... or call 1-877-IAPARKS (427-2757)

Campsites may be reserved 3 months in advance. Cabins, lodges and shelters may be reserved 12 months in advance.

Reservations for Honey Creek Resort can be made through a separate website and phone number (see page 4).

CAMPSITES (TENTS/RV)

Types of campsites include **modern** (running water, flush toilets, showers), **non-modern** (no showers, pit latrines or flush toilets, water may be available), **equestrian** (modern and non-modern available), **hike-in** (accessible only by foot) and **youth group** (for chaperoned, organized youth groups).

CABINS

Cabins provide the camping experience with more amenities and protection from the elements.

Modern family cabins include studio to 4-bedroom cabins with full bath, kitchen/kitchenette and heating/air conditioning. **Basic family cabins** have an open floor plan, running water and kitchenette. They are close to campground sanitary facilities.



Camping cabins/yurts have an open floor plan and electricity. Running water and modern rest room/shower facilities are close by. Some have a microwave and dorm-size refrigerator. Most have heat and air conditioning. A yurt is a circular tent-like structure on a platform with windows and a front door.

TOOLS YOU CAN USE

Helping you plan your next Iowa State Park adventure.

Iowa DNR State Park Web Site

Maps, photos, park descriptions, recreation information and answers to frequently asked questions are available at www.exploreiowaparks.com.

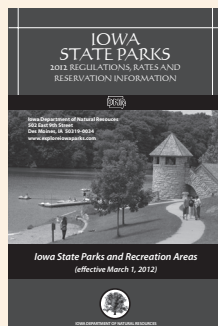
Iowa State Park Regulations and Rates

This booklet provides reservation information, rental rates and a summary of important regulations to help ensure a safe, enjoyable state park experience.

Individual Park Brochures

Brochures include contact information, park map and list of park-specific attractions.

Get your copy of any of these brochures by contacting the Department of



LODGES AND SHELTERS

Lodges and shelters are great day-use spaces for reunions, weddings, graduations and other occasions. Lodges are enclosed structures that normally include electricity, water, flush toilets and a kitchen. Shelters are open structures that may or may not include electricity or enclosed kitchenettes.

Natural Resources, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034 or by calling 515-281-5918 and following the instructions to request publications. This information is also available at www.exploreiowaparks.com.

Iowa Visitors Guide

Divides Iowa into 10 regions listing attractions and points of interest in each region. Also includes other helpful travel and vacation information for traveling in Iowa. Available online as an e-brochure or can be mailed as a hard copy.

Visit www.traveliowa.com.

Road Map

Look for this symbol, which marks park locations, on your Department of Transportation Map.

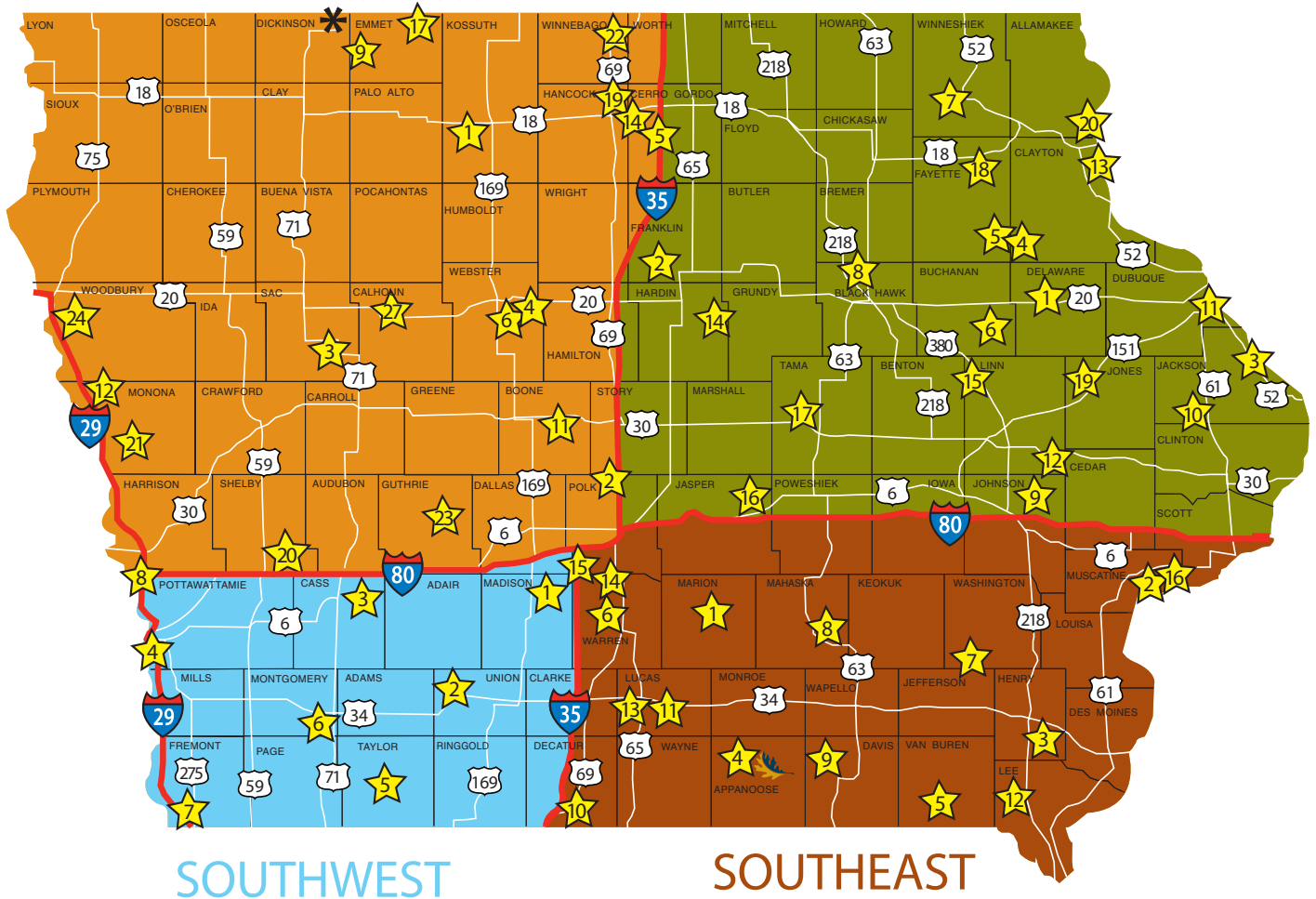
And keep an eye out for these brown road signs directing you to the state park.



REGIONAL IOWA STATE PARK MAP

NORTHWEST

NORTHEAST



SOUTHWEST

SOUTHEAST

ADVENTURE is in our NATURE

Perfectly situated in the rolling hills of south-central Iowa, along the shores of Rathbun Lake is Honey Creek Resort, Iowa's destination resort state park.

- 105 spacious guest room and suites
- Lake-view and walk-out patio rooms available
- 28 luxury cottages
- 18-hole links-style golf course
- Restaurant & Lounge
- Indoor water park and whirlpool
- 6,500 sq. ft. conference, banquet and event space featuring state-of-the-art technology
- Extensive outdoor event area and pavilion
- 40 boat-slips, launch, fishing pier, and sunning beach
- RV park with 20 full-service hook-ups (includes use of resort facilities)
- Scenic interpretive/nature trails
- Playground
- Water sports & bike rental
- Educational programs & activities by on-site naturalists



HONEY CREEK RESORT
STATE PARK

ON RATHBUN LAKE

12633 Resort Drive, Moravia, Iowa

Call 877.677.3344 or visit us online at www.honeycreekresort.com to make a reservation or for more information on resort events.



Fully accessible campsites may not be available. Contact park for details.

1 Ambrose A. Call 641-581-4835	1-1/2 Mi. S.W. Algona 130 acres		13/ 3							●			C,H	I													
2 Big Creek 515-984-6473	2 Mi. N. Polk City-IA. 415 3550 acres										13		B,C H	V	B,P	L	P,J	866A	B,R	●	C						
3 Black Hawk 712-657-8712	Lake View-IA. 175 & 71 86 acres	89/ 39				1n		●	1Y		4		H	I	B,P	L	P	957N	R								
4 Brushy Creek 515-543-8298	4 Mi. S. Duncombe, Co. Rd. P-73 6500 acres	47/ 0		120/ 97		1n	16	●			2		C,E H, M	V	B,P	R,L	P,J	690A	R	●							
5 Clear Lake 641-357-4212	2 Mi. S. Clear Lake-IA. 106 55 acres	168/ 8						●		●	2		H		B,P	L		3684N									
6 Dolliver Memorial 515-359-2539	3 Mi. N.W. Lehigh-IA. 50 600 acres	20/ 2				1e		●	G 2S	●	2		H	V	P	R			R								
7 Elinor Bedell 712-337-3211	2 Mi. E. of Spirit Lake-250th Ave. 80 acres		8/0			1n	7				1		B,H		P	L	P	1823N									
8 Emerson Bay & Lighthouse 712-337-3211	2-1/2 Mi. N. Milford-IA. 86 12 acres	83/ 0					24	●			1		B,H		B,P	L	P	3847N	R	●							
9 Fort Defiance 712-362-2078	1 Mi. W. Estherville-IA. 9 221 acres		8/ 8							●			E,H	I													
10 Gull Point 712-337-3211	3-1/2 Mi. N. Milford-IA. 86 195 acres	60/ 52						●		●	1		H	I	B,P	L	P	3847N									
11 Ledges 515-432-1852	6 Mi. S. Boone-IA. 164 1200 acres	40/ 42			12n	1n		●			2		H	I	P	R											
12 Lewis and Clark 712-423-2829	3 Mi. W. Onawa-IA. 175 176 acres	107/ 0				2n	12	●		●			H	V	B	L	J	250N	R								
13 Lower Gar Access 712-337-3211	1/2 Mi. S.E. Arnolds Park-U.S. 71 7 acres												B,H			L	P	273N	R								
14 McIntosh Woods 641-829-3847	3/4 Mi. E. Ventura-U.S. 18 62 acres	45/ 4						●	1X 1X		2		C,H	I	B,P	L	J	3684N	R								
15 Marble Beach 712-337-3211	2 Mi. N.W. Orleans-IA. 276 64 acres	102/ 121						●					B,H		B	L	P	4169N	R	●							
16 Mini-Wakan 712-337-3211	N. Shore Spirit Lake 20 acres									●						L	P	4169N	R								
17 Okamanpedan 712-362-2078	3 Mi. N.E. Dolliver-Co. Rd. 19 acres															R,L		981N	R								
18 Pikes Point 712-337-3211	2-1/2 Mi. S.W. Spirit Lake-IA. 9 15 acres										1				B,P	L	P	3847N									
19 Pilot Knob 641-581-4835	4 Mi. E Forest City-IA. 9 528 acres	47/ 12				1n		●			2		B,C E,M H		P	L		15A									
20 Prairie Rose 712-773-2701	6 Mi. S.E. Harlan 661 acres	77/ 18				1n	8	●	2S		2		H	I	B,P	L	J	218A	R								
21 Preparation Canyon 712-423-2829	5 Mi. S.W. Moorhead-IA. 183 344 acres				8								H														
22 Rice Lake 641-581-4835	2-1/2 Mi. S.E. Lake Mills-Co. Rd. 15 acres										1					L		900N	R								
23 Springbrook 641-747-3591	8 Mi. N.E. Guthrie Center, Hwys. 25 & 384 920 acres	81/ 37	Group camp at the Education Center 641-747-8383																								



NORTHWEST continued

		Modern Camping electric/non-electric	Non-modern Camping electric/non-electric	Equestrian Camping electric/non-electric	Hike-in Camping electric/non-electric	Youth Camping electric/non-electric	# Full Hook-Up Sites	Trailer Dump Station	Cabin Rental (X) Seasonal Yurt (G) Group (S) Seasonal (Y) Year-Round	Lodge Rental	Open Picnic Shelters For Rent	(M) Museum (N) Nature Center	Trails (B) Paved/Rock Bicycle (C) X-Country Skiing (E) Equestrian (M) Mountain Bike (H) Hiking	(I) Interpretive Trail (V) Volkspoint Trail	Swimming Beach (B) Playground (P)	Fishing (R) River/Stream (L) Lake	Fishing Pier (P) Pier (J) Jetty	Lake Acreage (N) Natural (R) Federal Reservoir (A) Artificial	Boat Rental (B) Boat Ramp (R)	Hunting (Designated Areas)	Concessionaires (R) Restaurant
24 Stone 712-255-4698	8 Mi. N.W. Sioux City-IA. 12 1543 acres	10/19			1n	1n			2S	●	3	N	M,H E,C	I,V	P	R,L		3A			
25 Templar Park 712-337-3211	3 Mi. N.W. Spirit Lake-IA. 276 10 acres										1					L	P	4169N	R		
26 Trappers Bay 712-337-3211	Adjoins Lake Park-IA. 219 57 acres															L	P	1041N			
27 Twin Lakes 712-657-2638	7-1/2 Mi. N. Rockwell City-IA. 4-124 15 acres															L		569N	R		

NORTHEAST

1 Backbone 563-924-2527	4 Mi. S.W. Strawberry Pt.-IA. 410 2000 acres	49/74				4n		●	8S 8Y	●	5	M	E,M H		B,P	R,L	J	85A	B,R	●	C
2 Beeds Lake 641-456-2047	3 Mi. N.W. Hampton-Co. Rd. 319 acre	98/42				1n		●		●			H		B,P	L	J	99A	B,R		C
3 Bellevue 563-872-4019	2-1/2 Mi. S.Bellevue-U.S. 52 770 acres	30/14				1n	1	●		●	5	N	C,H	I	P						
4 Bixby Preserve 563-924-2527	5 Mi. N. Edgewood 184 acres	Rugged woodland with stream, ice cave and trails. No camping.																			
5 Brush Creek Canyon Pres. 563-425-4161	2 Mi. N. Arlington 217 acres	Forested steep wooded terrain with diversity of habitats, flora and fauna. No camping.																			
6 Cedar Rock 319-934-3572	3 Mi. S.E. Independence 423 acres	Frank Lloyd Wright designed home. Daily tours Memorial Day weekend - Oct., Wed - Sun., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Visitor Center and Walter House are accessible, boat house and council fire are not.																			
7 Fort Atkinson Preserve 563-425-4161	Adjoins Ft. Atkinson-IA. 24 5 acres	Reconstructed fort built in 1840.																			
8 George Wyth Memorial 319-232-5505	Waterloo/Cedar Falls - IA. 218 1200 acres	47/22				1n		●		●	4		B,M H		B,P	R,L	P,J	260A	R		
9 Lake Macbride 319-624-2200	4 Mi. W. Solon-IA. 382 2180 acres	43/0	60n			1n	11	●		●	4		B,H	I,V	B,P	L	P,J	812A	B,R		C
10 Maquoketa Caves 563-652-5833	7 Mi. N.W. Maquoketa-Y-31 323 acres	16/6			6	2n		●				M	H		P						
11 Mines of Spain & E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center 563-556-0620	S. Edge of Dubuque -- U.S. 52 1387 acres											N	C,H	I		R			R	●	
12 Palisades-Kepler 319-895-6039	3-1/2 Mi. W. Mt. Vernon-U.S. 30 840 acres	26/18				1n		●	3S 1S	●	2		H			R			R		
13 Pikes Peak 563-873-2341	3 Mi. S.E. McGregor-IA. X-56 970 acres	57/18				2n		●			1		M, H		P						C
14 Pine Lake 641-858-5832	1/2 Mi. N.E. Eldora Co. Rd. S-56 654 acres	98/25				1n		●	1Y 3Y	●	4		B,H	I	B,P	R,L	J	69-50A	R		
15 Pleasant Creek 319-436-7716	4 Mi. N. 1/2 Mi. W. Palo 1927 acres	43/25				1n		●	4S	●	2		C,E H,M	I	B,P	L	P,J	410A	R	●	
16 Rock Creek 641-236-3722	6 Mi. N.E. Kellogg-Co. Rd. 1697 acres	100/95				1n		●			2		E,M H	I	B,P	L	J	602A	B,R	●	C




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17 Union Grove 641-473-2556	4 Mi. S.W. Gladbrook-Co. Rd. 282 acres	11/ 14					1n	9	●	1Y		1		H		B	L	J	110A	R		
18 Volga River 563-425-4161	4 Mi. N. Fayette-IA. 150 5500 acres	41/ 0	10n	34e			1n	34	●			1	M H,E				R,L	P,J	135A	R	●	
19 Wapsipinicon 319-462-2761	Adjoins Anamosa-E-34 390 acres	13/ 11					1n				●	2	H		P	R				R	●	
20 Yellow River Forest Camp 563-586-2254	14 Mi. S.E. Waukon-IA. 8500 acres		105	34n			2n						M,C H,E			R					●	

SOUTHWEST

1 Badger Creek 515-285-4502	6 Mi. S.E. Van Meter 1162 acres														L		276A	R	●		
2 Green Valley 641-782-5131	2-1/2 Mi. N.W. Creston-IA. 186 1058 acres	83/ 17				1n	18	●	3S		2		H, M		B,P	L	P,J	360A	R		
3 Lake Anita 712-762-3564	5 Mi. S. Anita Interchange-I-80 1062 acres	52/ 69					40	●			8		B,H	I	B,P	L	J	171A	R		
4 Lake Manawa 712-366-0220	1 Mi. S. IA. 92-Council Bluffs 1529 acres	36/ 35				1n		●			9		B,H	I	B,P	L	P,J	772A	B,R	●	C
5 Lake of Three Fires 712-523-2700	3 Mi. N.E. Bedford-IA. Lake Rd. 1235 acres	30/ 67		8/ 17		1n		●	6Y	●	2		E,M H	I,V	B,P	L	J	85A	R	●	
6 Viking Lake 712-829-2235	4 Mi. S.E. Stanton-Co. Rd. 1000 acres	94/ 25				1n	22	●		●	2		H, C	I	B,P	L	J	137A	B,R		C, R
7 Waubonsie 712-382-2786	7 Mi. S.W. Sidney-IA. 239-2 1990 acres	24/ 17		36n				●	1Y 1Y 6S	●	1		E,M H	I		L		7A			
8 Wilson Island 712-642-2069	5 Mi. W. Loveland-Co.Rd. G12 547 acres	63/ 72				2n		●					M, H,C		P	R			R	●	

SOUTHEAST

1 Elk Rock (Red Rock) 641-842-6008	7 Mi. N. Knoxville-IA. 14 850 acres	21/ 9		42/ 15		1n		●			2		E,M H		P	L		19000R	R		
2 Fairport 563-263-3197	5 Mi. E. Muscatine-IA. 22 17 acres	42/ 0						●							P	R			R		
3 Geode 319-392-4601	4 Mi. S.W. Danville-Co. Rd. 1641 acres	87/ 81				1n		●			5		M, H,C	I	B,P	L		200A	B,R		
4 Honey Creek (Rathbun) 641-724-3739	9-1/2 Mi. W. 3-1/2 Mi. S.E. Moravia-Hwy. 142 828 acres	103 /45				1n	28	●	4Y		2		H	I		L	J	11000R	R		
 Honey Creek Resort For reservations, events and other information call 877-677-3344 or visit www.honeycreekresort.com (see page 4 for amenities)																					
5 Lacey-Keosauqua 319-293-3502	Adjoins Keosauqua-IA. 1 1653 acres	45/ 68				1n		●	5S 1S	●	2		C,H		B,P	R,L		22A	R		
6 Lake Ahquabi 515-961-7101	5-1/2 Mi. S.W. Indianola-IA. 349 770 acres	84/ 56				1n		●		●	3		M, H	V	B,P	L	P,J	115A	B,R		C
7 Lake Darling 319-694-2323	3 Mi. W. Brighton-IA. 78 & 1 1387 acres	64/ 8				2n	15	●	5S	●	2		M, H,C		B,P	L,P	J	299A	B,R		
8 Lake Keomah 641-673-6975	5 Mi. E. Oskaloosa-IA. 371 366 acres	40/ 24						●		●	2		H		B	L	P,J	84A	R		



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9 Lake Wapello 641-722-3371	6 Mi. W. Drakesville 1150 acres	40/ 37				1n		●	1Y, 13S		2		H,C		B,P	R,L	P,J	289A	B,R		C, R
10 Nine Eagles 641-442-2855	6 Mi. S.E. Davis City-Co. Rd 1119 acres	28/ 0	26n	7e		1n		●	1S		3		H,E		B,P	L		67A	R		
11 Red Haw 641-774-5632	1 Mi. E. Chariton-U.S. 34 649 acres	58/ 22						●			5		H		B,P	L	J	72A	R	●	
12 Shimek Forest Camp 319-878-3811	1 Mi. E. Farmington-IA. 2		19n	32n									M,H E,C			L		20A	R	●	
13 Stephens Forest Camp 641-774-5632	2-1/2 Mi. S. Lucas U.S. 65		42n	40n		5n							M, H,E			L		10A		●	
14 Summerset 515-961-7101	6 Mi. S. Des Moines-U.S. 65/69 222 acres												B,H M			L		80A	R		C
15 Walnut Woods 515-285-4502	4 Mi. S.W. Des Moines-IA. 5 250 acres		21e			1n	8	●		●			H,C E			R			R		
16 Wildcat Den 563-263-4337	10 Mi. E. Muscatine-IA. 22 423 acres		28n			1n					2		H			R					

